

RE: Docket No. N2021-1; Order No. 5875

June 7, 2021

To the Postal Regulatory Commission:

The process to comment on N2021-1 is exceedingly difficult and therefore I must assume that those trying to push this proposal through do not really want the US public, the customers of the USPS, to provide open comments. I requested a Temporary Account to provide comments and never received one. I called the help number and the mailbox was full. If you really want to hear how much the Americans support the USPS and would be horrified at this proposal, then you really need to openly ask for public comments in a way that the public is able to comment. This is currently not being done.

I am not part of the Postal sector; I am just an American, living in a rural community, who frequently uses and believes in the Postal Service. I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes (N-2021-1) to the Postal System that would further degrade service and standards.

I **rely** on the US Postal Service. I am a frequent customer to mail and receive critical documents and packages. Cutting service standards is not acceptable as the solution to a budget problem. Reducing delivery standards would only make the situation worse. There are other options to balance the budget. The USPS has been burdened by costs no other government agency carries in terms of pension obligations and an expectation that it turn a profit as if it were indeed a private sector business.

I believe in Universal Service and the survival of a public agency the people of this country can rely on. The private sector is answerable to no one other than shareholders and can raise rates to any level it believes it can sustain. I do not support privatizing the Postal Service.

The changes recently made to the postal services along with pandemic have worsened processing and delivery. I have received mail late----including 1st class mail arriving weeks after being posted. I ascribe these delays to the removal of sorting equipment and to the increasing use of temporary, non-union mail carriers. When it was the regular carrier five days a week, my mail arrived dependably. The postal workers were there everyday during the pandemic at the post offices and delivering the mail.

Further cuts to service will only worsen the situation.

Instead I ask the PRC to consider other options to make the USPS viable once again reliable and efficient, by examining various and hybrid ways to pay for it. Americans want their PO to survive and no one is asking us how much we would be willing to pay for a first class stamp for something we can be sure will arrive in a timely manner. If it is determined that 75-cents or more is what it would take, and that is deemed too onerous,

then Congress can take up the question of providing additional funding or eliminating some of the ridiculously long future pension funding requirements.

This proposed 10-year plan will create a death spiral. Declining service will mean declining use. While I personally may have options for paying bills, banking and other necessary communications, many people do not. If you approve this plan you should be honest enough to acknowledge that you are knowingly killing what is arguably our oldest Constitutional "original" public government agency.

I propose that the PRC openly asks US Citizens what they think about this proposal. If asked, I believe there is strong opposition to this 10-year proposal (N-2021-1) to effectively lower service standards and dismantle the current Postal Service.

Yours truly,

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